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the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
HYDRO-MAN AND THE SANDMAN TEAM UP--!
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HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE, SPIDEY!

While attending a demonstration in radiology, student PETER PARKER was bitten by a spider which had accidentally been exposed to RADIOACTIVE RAYS. Through a miracle of science, Peter soon found that he had GAINED the arachnid's powers...and had, in effect, become a human spider...

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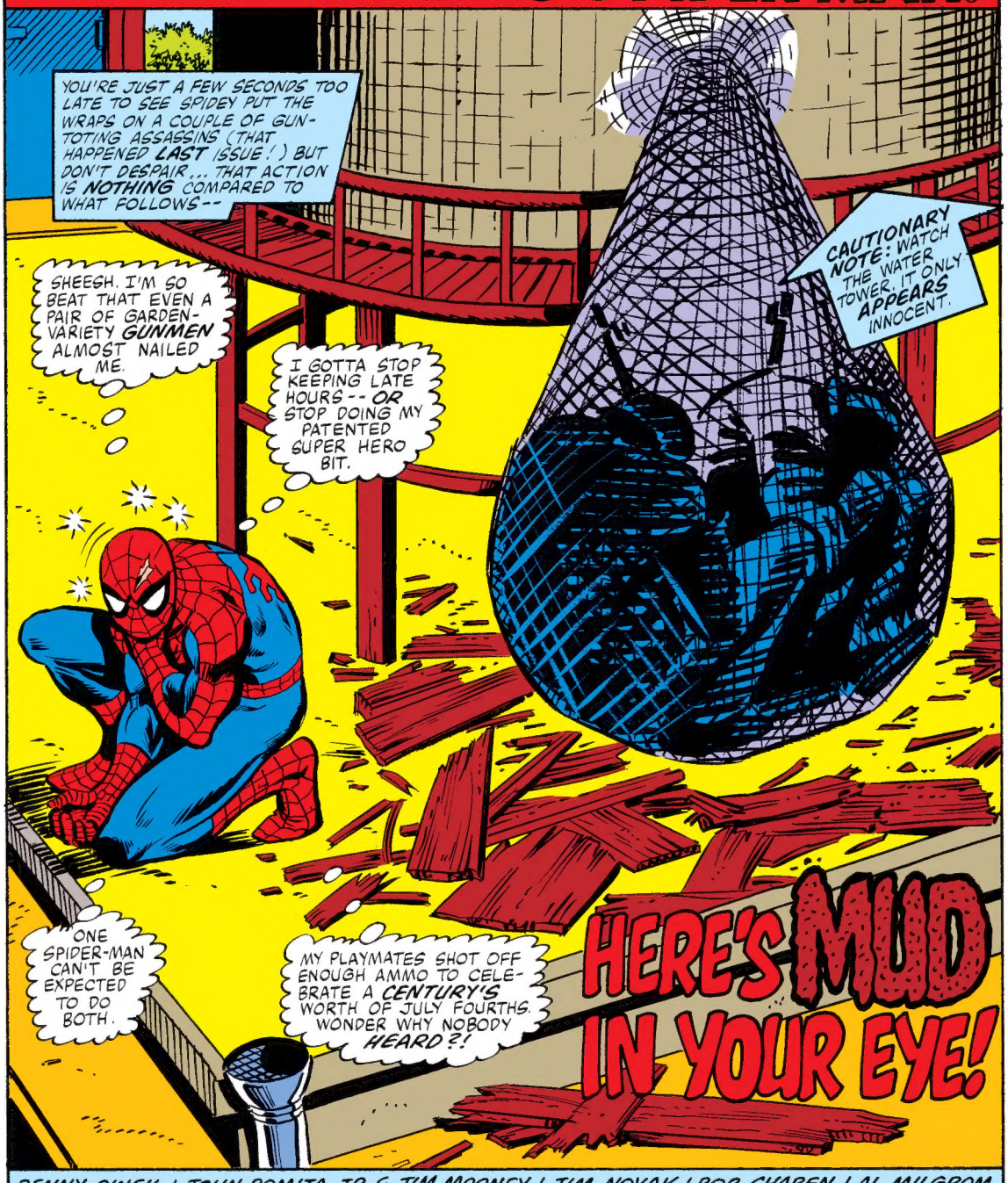

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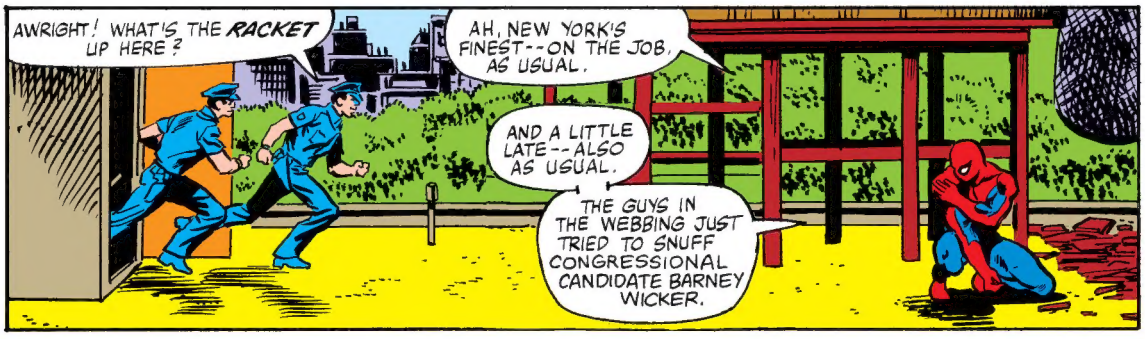
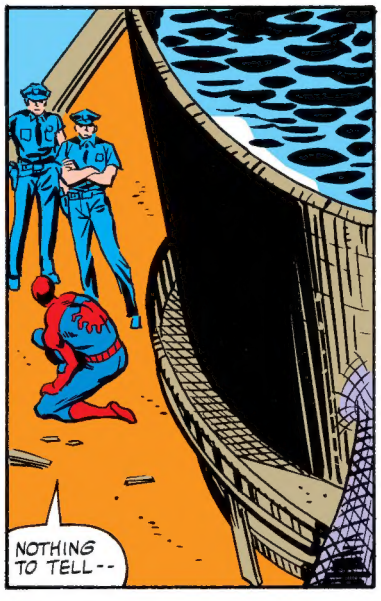

AWRIGHT! WHAT'S THE RACKET UP HERE?
AH, NEW YORK'S FINEST--ON THE JOB, AS USUAL.
AND A LITTLE LATE--ALSO AS USUAL.
THE GUYS IN THE WEBBING JUST TRIED TO SNUFF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE BARNEY WICKER.

I'M SURE THEY'LL CONFESS IF YOU BUY THEM ICE CREAMS.
NO NEED FOR THE SMART MOUTH, SON. YOU GOT A STORY, TELL IT.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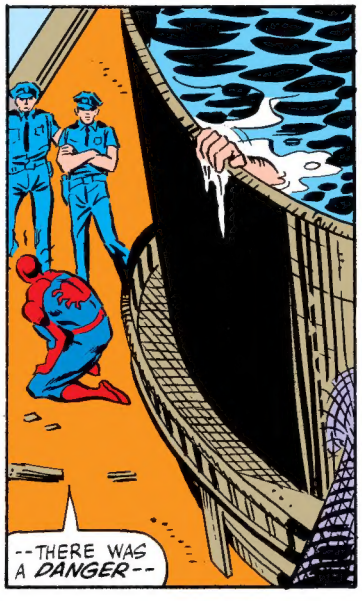
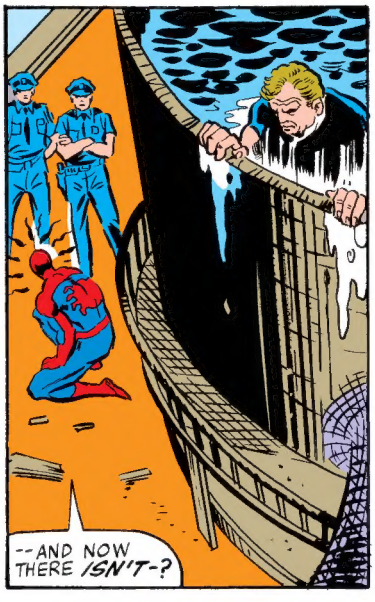
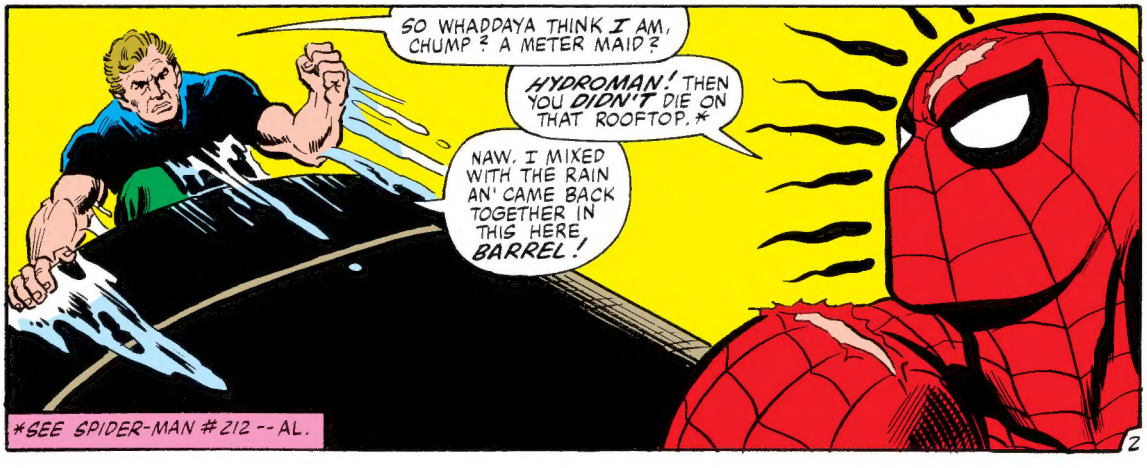
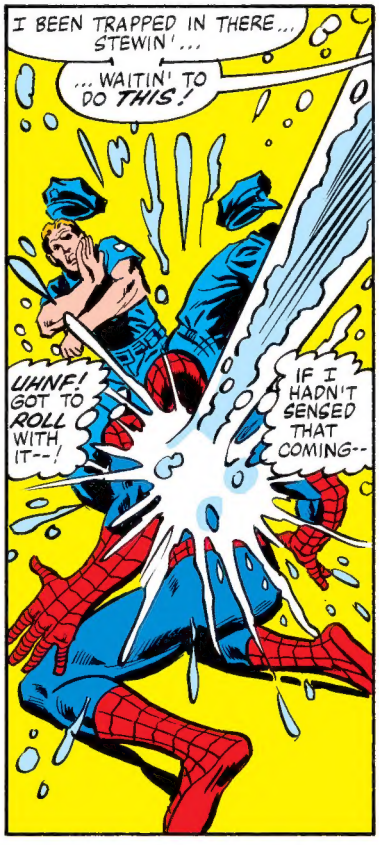
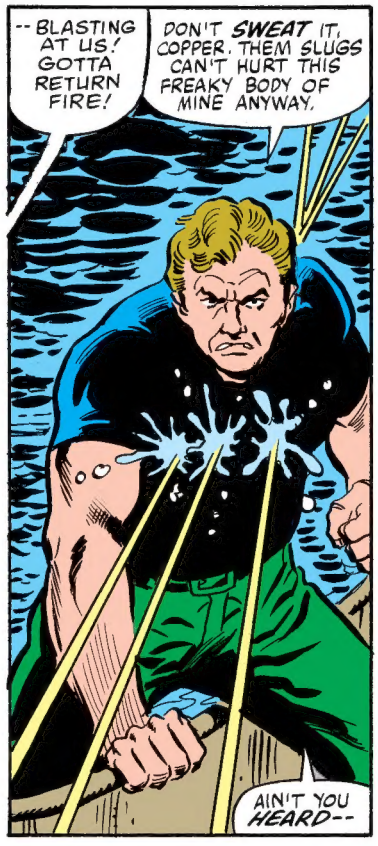

--THERE WAS A DANGER--

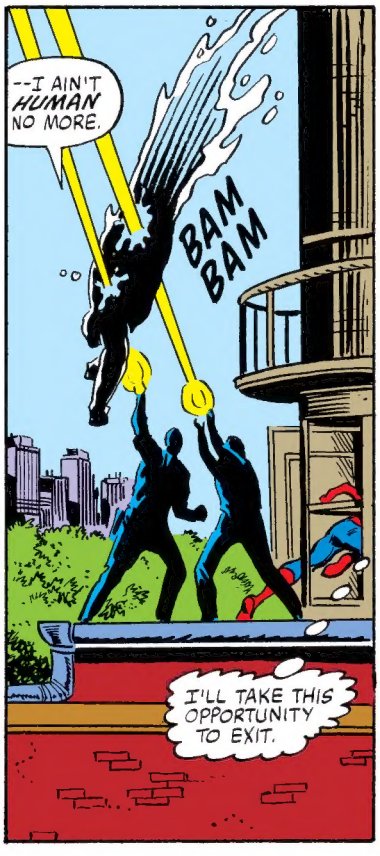

--AND NOW THERE ISN'T-?

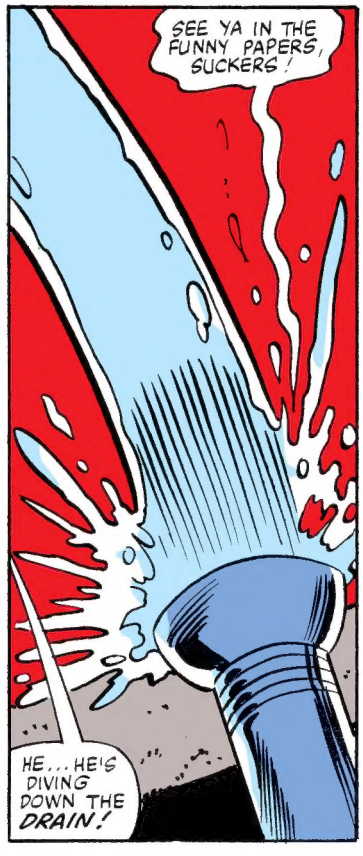

SO WHADDAYA THINK I AM, CHUMP? A METER MAID?
HYDROMAN! THEN YOU DIDN'T DIE ON THAT ROOFTOP.*
NAW, I MIXED WITH THE RAIN AN' CAME BACK TOGETHER IN THIS HERE BARREL!
*SEE SPIDER-MAN #212 -- AL.

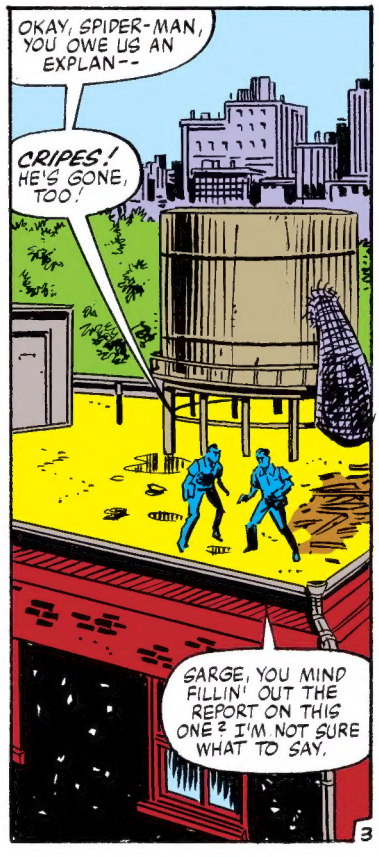

I BEEN TRAPPED IN THERE... STEWIN'...
... WAITIN' TO DO THIS!
UHNF! GOT TO ROLL WITH IT--!
IF I HADN'T SENSED THAT COMING--

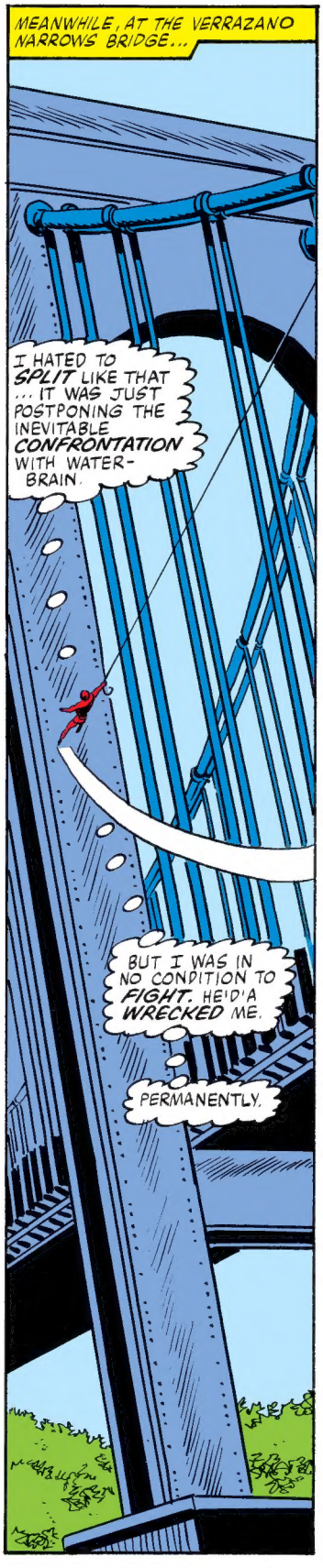
BLAM
BLAM
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK! SOME KINDA FREAK--
--IT WOULD'VE BROKEN ME!

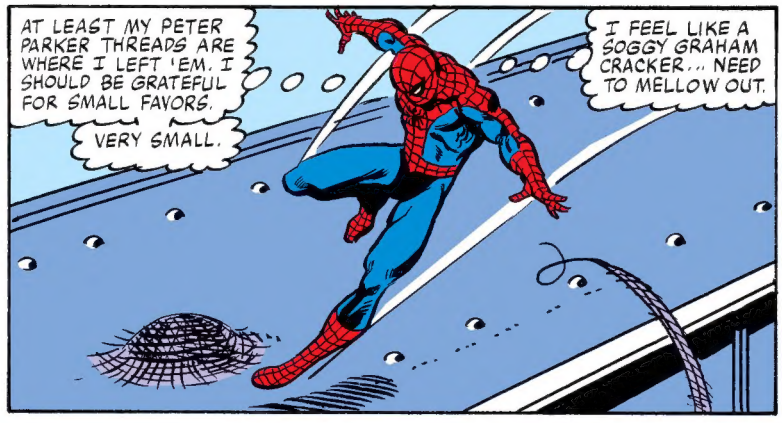

--BLASTING AT US! GOTTA RETURN FIRE!
DON'T SWEAT IT, COPPER. THEM SLUGS CAN'T HURT THIS FREAKY BODY OF MINE ANYWAY.
AIN'T YOU HEARD--

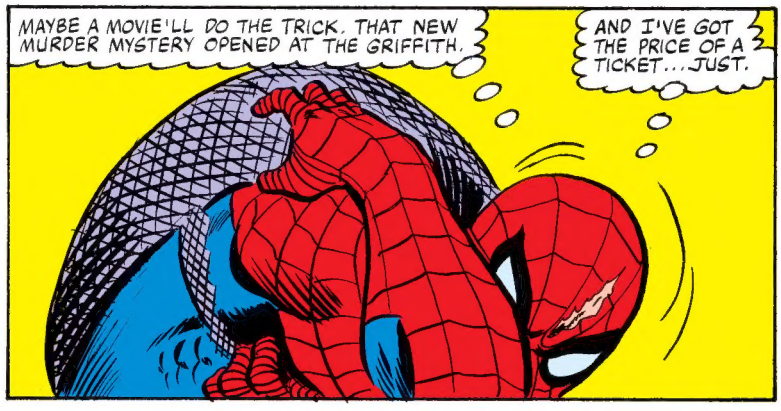

--I AIN'T HUMAN NO MORE.
BAM BAM
I'LL TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXIT.

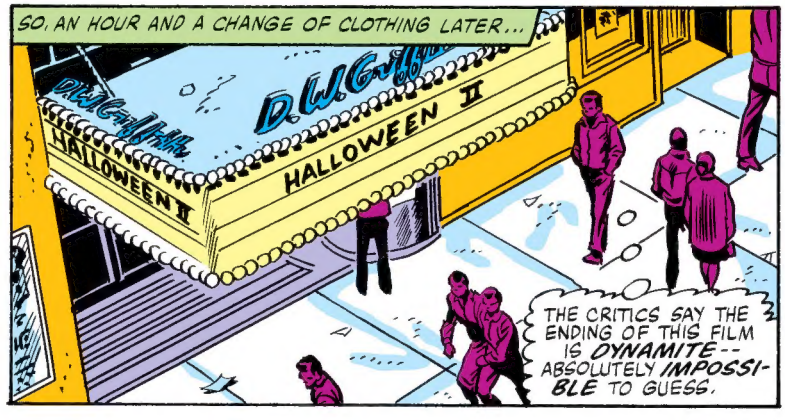

SEE YA IN THE FUNNY PAPERS, SUCKERS!
HE... HE'S DIVING DOWN THE DRAIN!

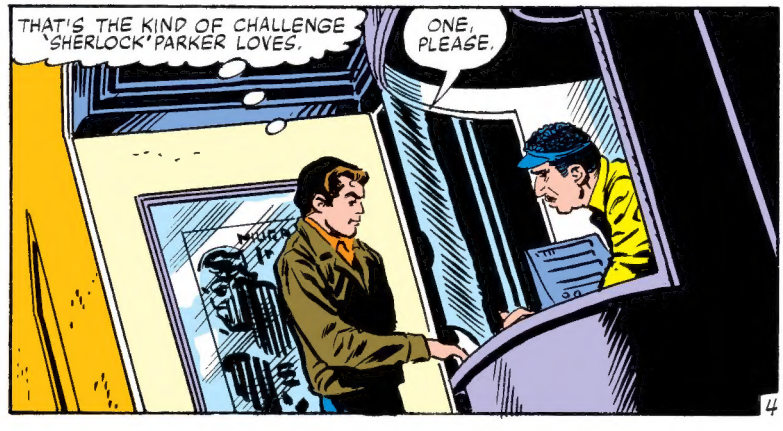

OKAY, SPIDER-MAN, YOU OWE US AN EXPLAN--
CRIPES! HE'S GONE, TOO!
SARGE, YOU MIND FILLIN' OUT THE REPORT ON THIS ONE? I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY.

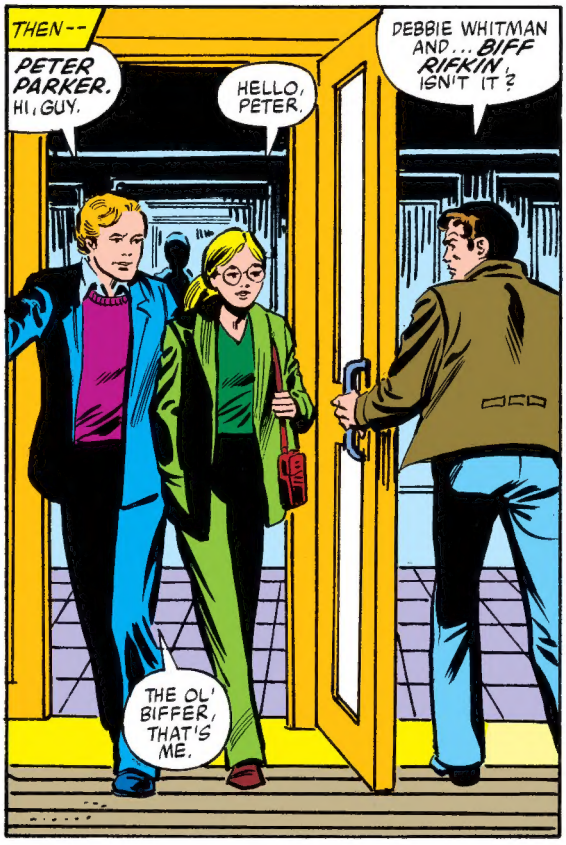

MEANWHILE, AT THE VERRAZANO NARROWS BRIDGE...
I HATED TO SPLIT LIKE THAT ... IT WAS JUST POSTPONING THE INEVITABLE CONFRONTATION WITH WATER-BRAIN.
BUT I WAS IN NO CONDITION TO FIGHT. HE'D'A WRECKED ME.
PERMANENTLY.


AT LEAST MY PETER PARKER THREADS ARE WHERE I LEFT 'EM. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR SMALL FAVORS.
VERY SMALL.
I FEEL LIKE A SOGGY GRAHAM CRACKER... NEED TO MELLOW OUT.


MAYBE A MOVIE'LL DO THE TRICK. THAT NEW MURDER MYSTERY OPENED AT THE GRIFFITH.
AND I'VE GOT THE PRICE OF A TICKET... JUST.

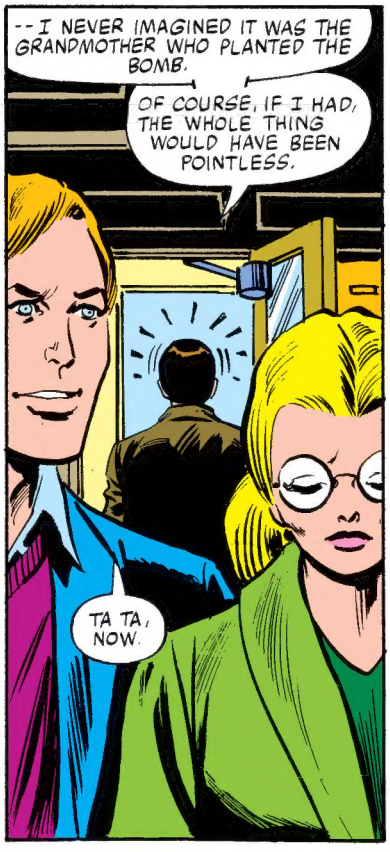

SO, AN HOUR AND A CHANGE OF CLOTHING LATER...
D.W.Griffith
HALLOWEEN II
HALLOWEEN II
THE CRITICS SAY THE ENDING OF THIS FILM IS DYNAMITE -- ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TO GUESS.

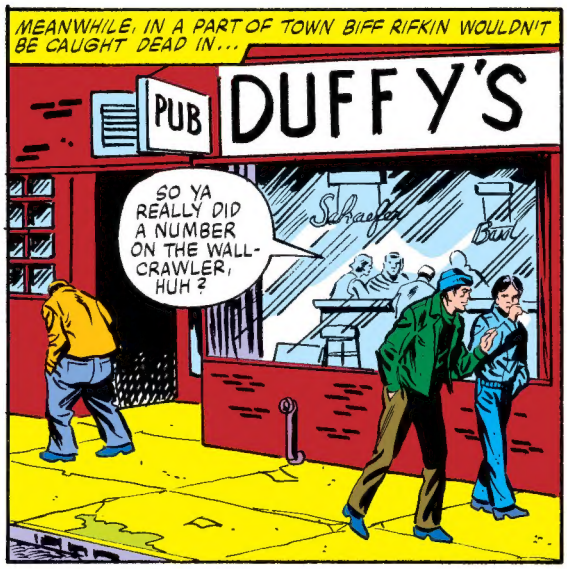

THAT'S THE KIND OF CHALLENGE 'SHERLOCK' PARKER LOVES.
ONE, PLEASE.

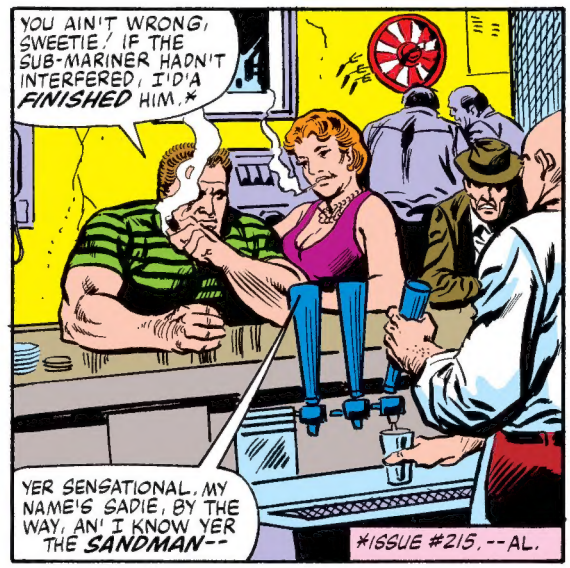

THEN--
PETER PARKER. HI, GUY.
HELLO, PETER.
DEBBIE WHITMAN AND... BIFF RIFKIN, ISN'T IT?
THE OL' BIFFER, THAT'S ME.

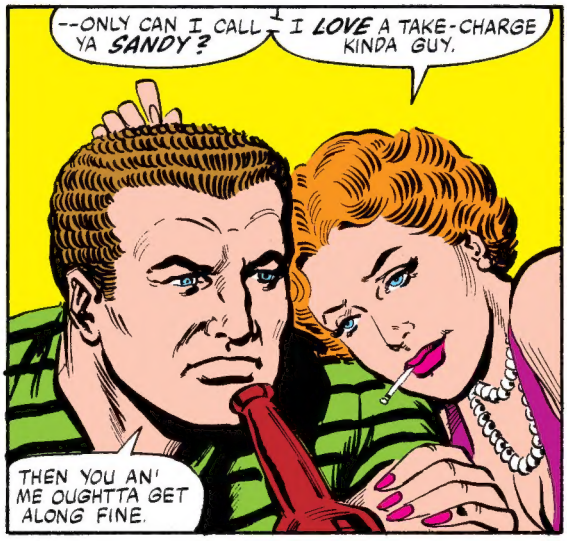
DEB AND HER SMARMY NEW BOYFRIEND... THIS DOES NOT MAKE MY DAY A DELIGHT.
PRESS THE PALM, PETEY.
YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THE MOVIE, PETER?
NO, I'M LOOKING FOR ADDITIONS TO MY STALE POPCORN COLLECTION.
JUST JOKING.

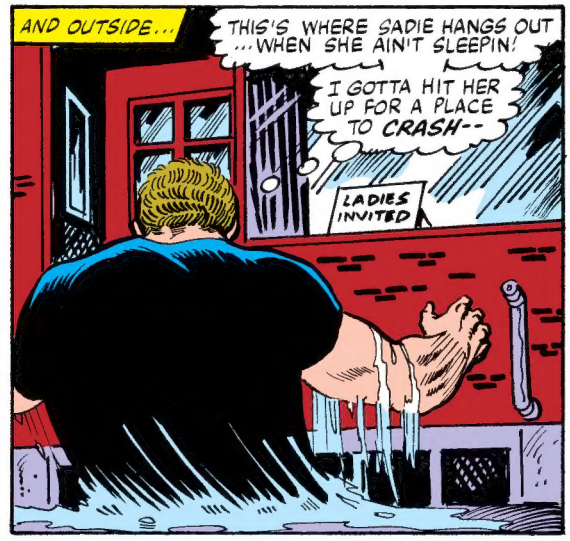
HOW IS THE MOVIE?
QUITE WELL DONE... VERY EXCITING.
INTELLECTUALLY STIMULATING-- FOR A MERE ENTERTAINMENT, THAT IS.
EVEN I WAS FOOLED--

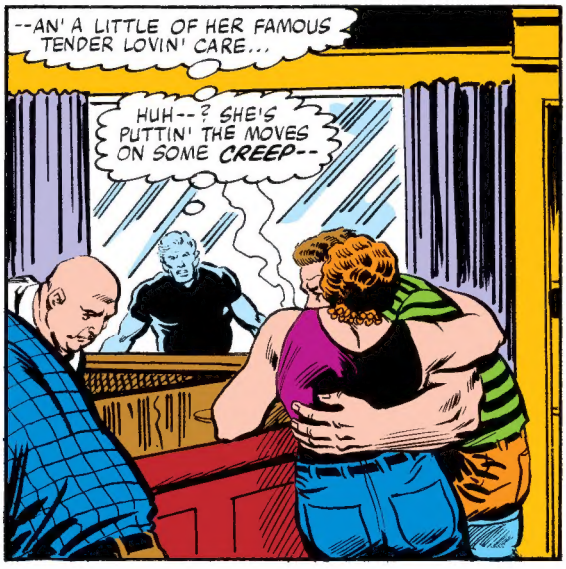

--I NEVER IMAGINED IT WAS THE GRANDMOTHER WHO PLANTED THE BOMB.
OF COURSE, IF I HAD, THE WHOLE THING WOULD HAVE BEEN POINTLESS.
TA TA, NOW.

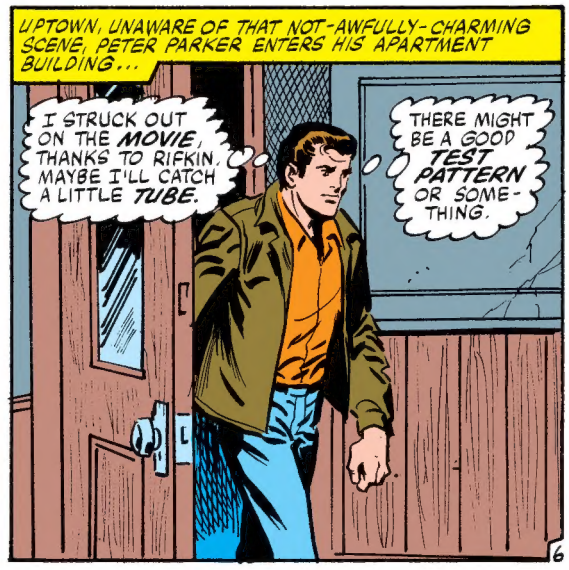

MEANWHILE, IN A PART OF TOWN BIFF RIFKIN WOULDN'T BE CAUGHT DEAD IN...
PUB
DUFFY'S
SO YA REALLY DID A NUMBER ON THE WALL-CRAWLER, HUH?


YOU AIN'T WRONG, SWEETIE! IF THE SUB-MARINER HADN'T INTERFERED, I'D'A FINISHED HIM.*
YER SENSATIONAL, MY NAME'S SADIE, BY THE WAY, AN' I KNOW YER THE SANDMAN--
*ISSUE #215, --AL.


--ONLY CAN I CALL YA SANDY?
I LOVE A TAKE-CHARGE KINDA GUY.
THEN YOU AN' ME OUGHTTA GET ALONG FINE.

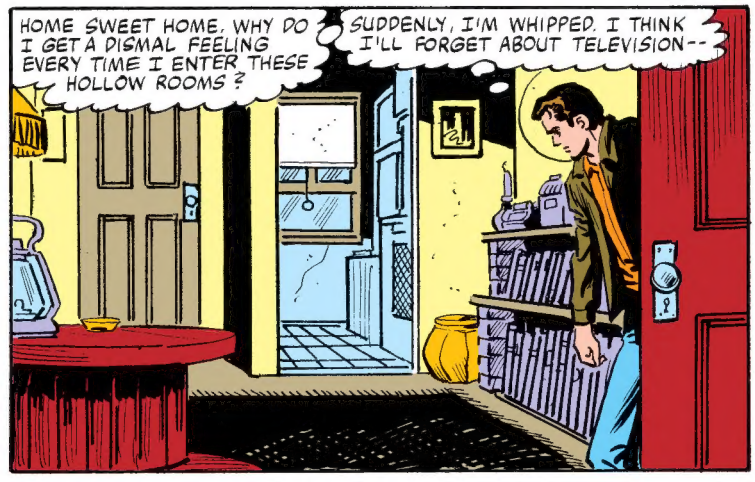

AND OUTSIDE...
THIS'S WHERE SADIE HANGS OUT ...WHEN SHE AIN'T SLEEPIN!
I GOTTA HIT HER UP FOR A PLACE TO CRASH--
LADIES INVITED

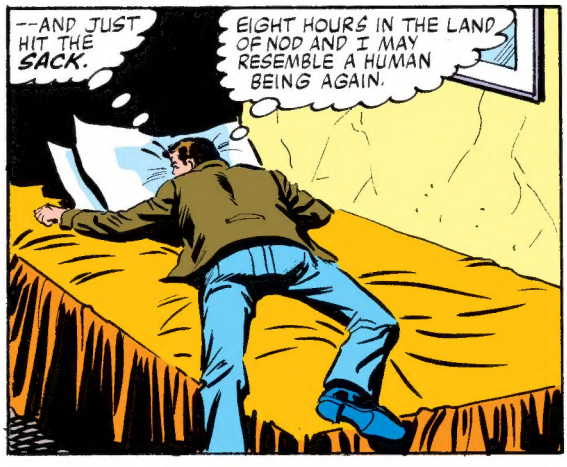

--AN' A LITTLE OF HER FAMOUS TENDER LOVIN' CARE...
HUH--? SHE'S PUTTIN' THE MOVES ON SOME CREEP--

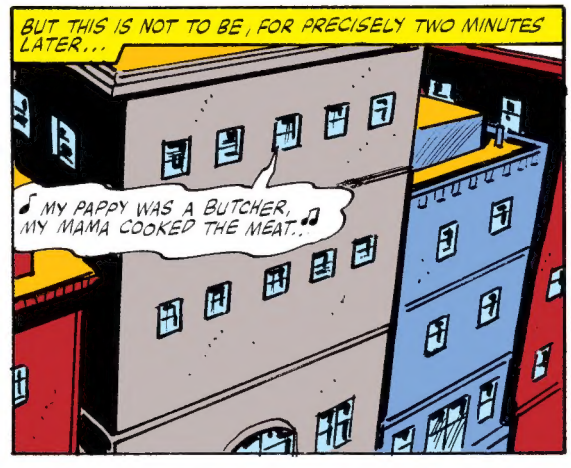

UPTOWN, UNAWARE OF THAT NOT-AWFULLY-CHARMING SCENE, PETER PARKER ENTERS HIS APARTMENT BUILDING...
I STRUCK OUT ON THE MOVIE, THANKS TO RIFKIN. MAYBE I'LL CATCH A LITTLE TUBE.
THERE MIGHT BE A GOOD TEST PATTERN OR SOMETHING.

HOWDY.
HI.
THAT'S THE GUY I FIGURE DOES ALL THE LATE NIGHT COUNTRY-AND-WESTERN SINGING.
HE'S LEAVING--

--WHICH MEANS I MAY GET A FULL NIGHT'S SLEEP FOR A CHANGE.
I WISH EVERYONE WERE LIKE THAT LITTLE MAN... QUIET, SCHOLARLY, NEVER BOTHERS ANYONE.


HOME SWEET HOME. WHY DO I GET A DISMAL FEELING EVERY TIME I ENTER THESE HOLLOW ROOMS?
SUDDENLY, I'M WHIPPED. I THINK I'LL FORGET ABOUT TELEVISION--

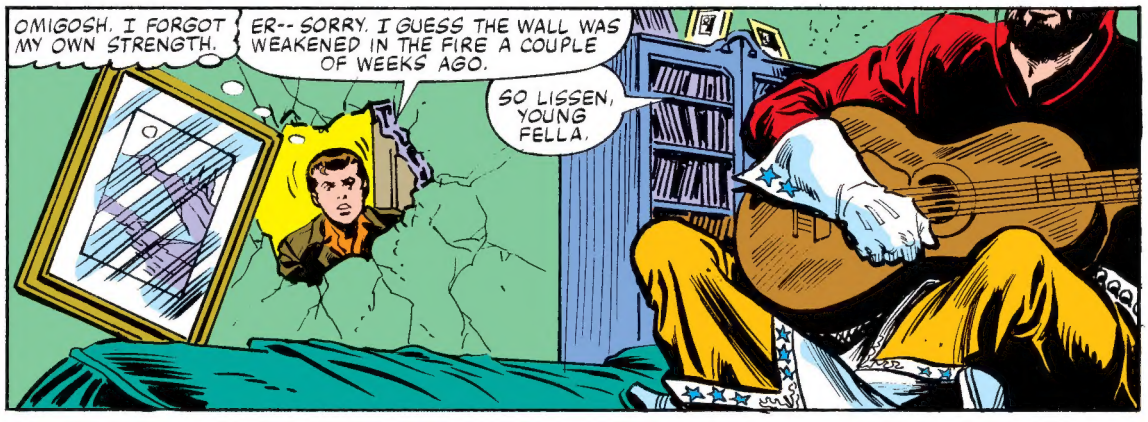

--AND JUST HIT THE SACK.
EIGHT HOURS IN THE LAND OF NOD AND I MAY RESEMBLE A HUMAN BEING AGAIN.


BUT THIS IS NOT TO BE, FOR PRECISELY TWO MINUTES LATER...
♪ MY PAPPY WAS A BUTCHER, MY MAMA COOKED THE MEAT..♫

♪ AH'H WUZ THE FATHEAD THAT PLAYED OUT ONNA STREET ♫
NO NO NO NO NO NO
HE'S BACK--

S-SINGING WORSE THAN EVER.
I CANNOT STAND IT--
NEW
--DO YOU HEAR...?

...I ABSOLUTELY CANNOT STAND IT!
KRUMPT
SHUT UP!


OMIGOSH. I FORGOT MY OWN STRENGTH.
ER-- SORRY. I GUESS THE WALL WAS WEAKENED IN THE FIRE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.
SO LISSEN, YOUNG FELLA.

--ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN.
WE HAVEN'T MET. MY NAME IS LONESOME PINCUS.

I'M PETER PARKER.
IT'S THE LITTLE GUY I THOUGHT WAS SO QUIET!
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO LAUGH OR CRY.
I THINK I'LL LAUGH.

AT DUFFY'S BAR, HOWEVER, NOBODY IS LAUGHING, ON THE CONTRARY...
YA PAWIN' MY CHICK AND THAT'S SOMETHIN' I DON'T ALLOW--

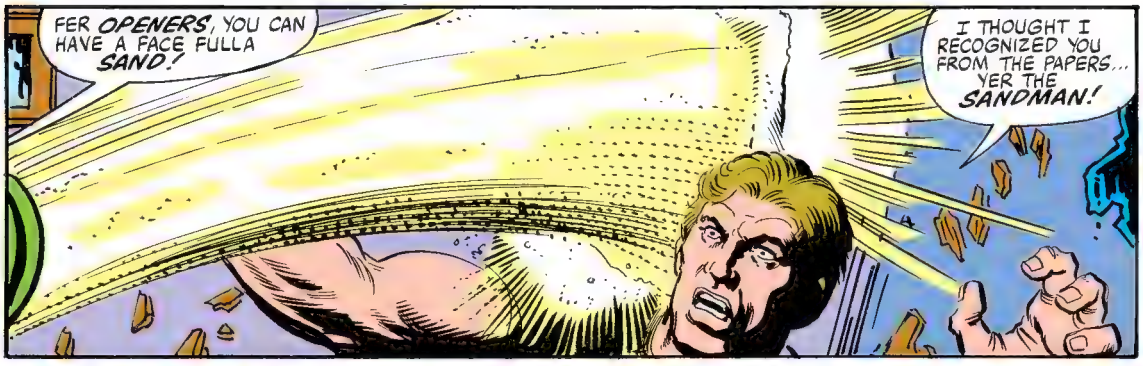
--NOT EVER!
CHOK

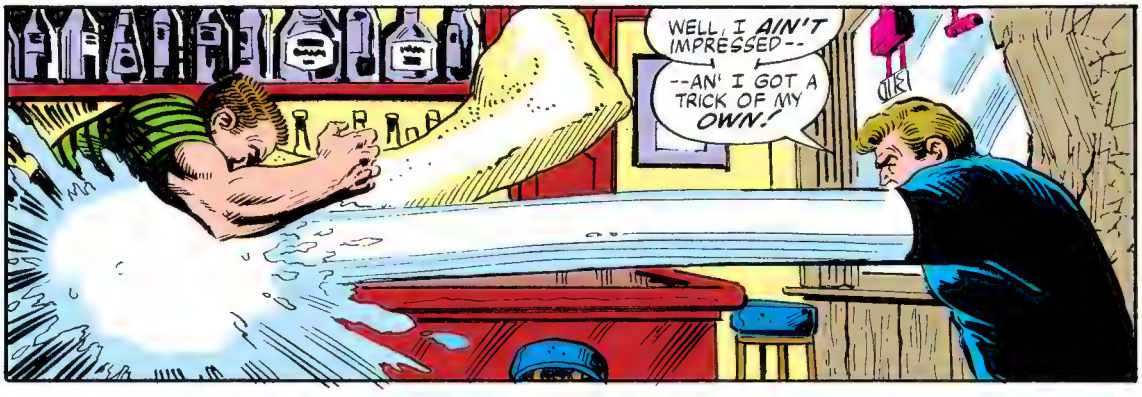
ALL OF A SUDDEN I AIN'T THIRSTY.
I JUST REMEMBERED A DENTIST APPOINTMENT.
ME, I'M JUST CHICKEN.

ON YER FEET, CHUMP. I'M GONNA TAKE A COUPLE SECONDS OUTTA MY LIFE TO SMASH YA.
YEAH--?

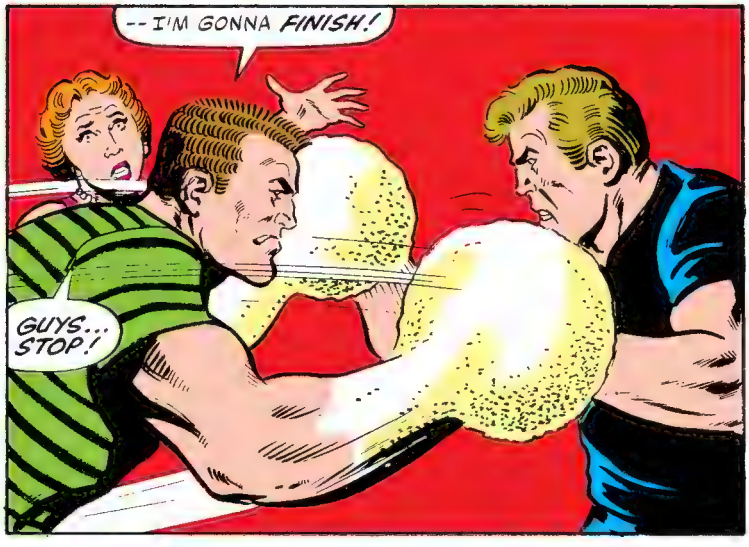
--TELL ME ABOUT IT!
YOU... YOU GUYS ARE FIGHTIN' OVER ME?

IT AIN'T EXACTLY GONNA BE A FIGHT... MORE LIKE A SLAUGHTER!

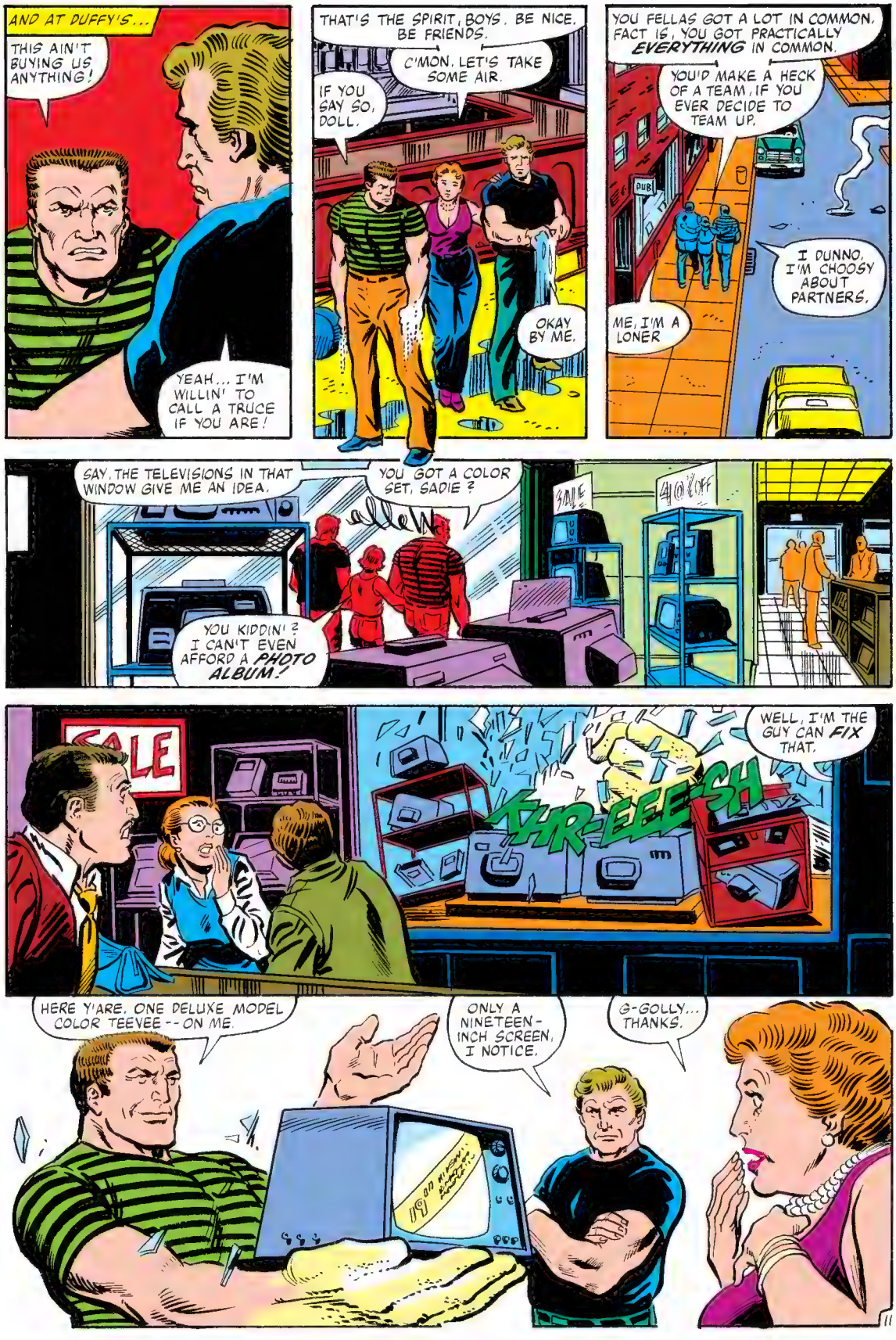

FER OPENERS, YOU CAN HAVE A FACE FULLA SAND!
I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED YOU FROM THE PAPERS... YER THE SANDMAN!


WELL, I AIN'T IMPRESSED--
--AN' I GOT A TRICK OF MY OWN!

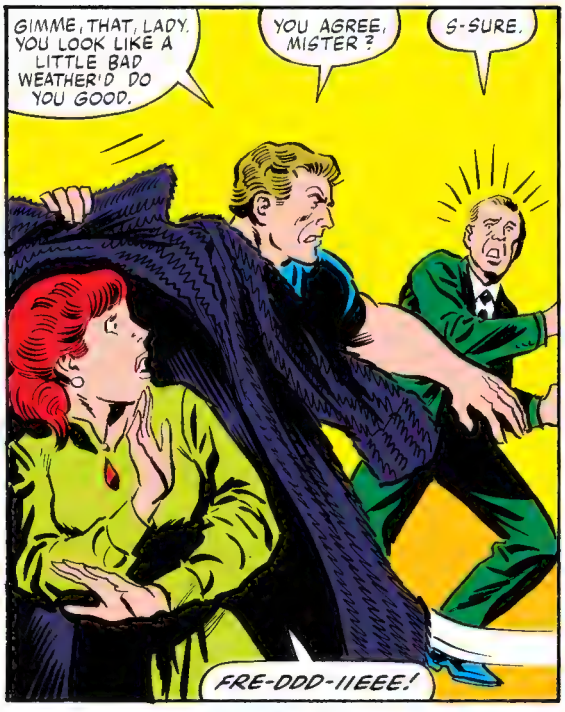
GUYS... YOU MAYBE BETTER COOL IT!
NO CHANCE. WHAT HE STARTED--


--I'M GONNA FINISH!
GUYS... STOP!

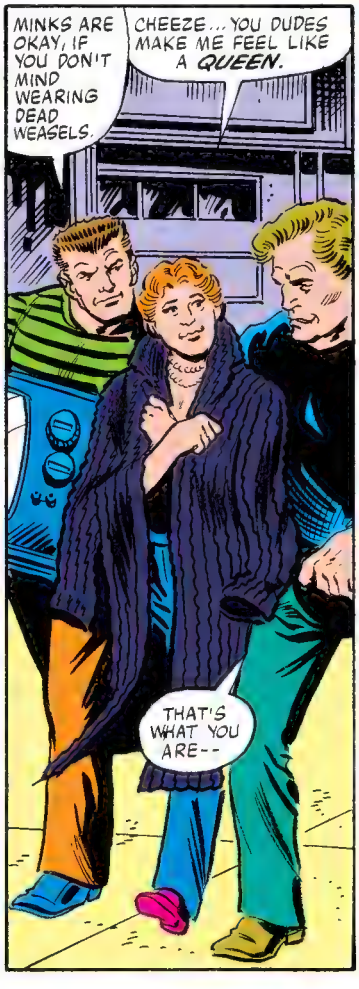
I... I JUST HAD AN IDEA!
SHE HASN'T HAD MANY IN HER LIFE ... AND NONE LIKE THIS!


AND AT DUFFY'S...
THIS AIN'T BUYING US ANYTHING!
YEAH... I'M WILLIN' TO CALL A TRUCE IF YOU ARE!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, BOYS. BE NICE. BE FRIENDS.
C'MON. LET'S TAKE SOME AIR.
IF YOU SAY SO, DOLL.
OKAY BY ME.
YOU FELLAS GOT A LOT IN COMMON. FACT IS, YOU GOT PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING IN COMMON.
YOU'D MAKE A HECK OF A TEAM, IF YOU EVER DECIDE TO TEAM UP.
I DUNNO. I'M CHOOSY ABOUT PARTNERS.
ME, I'M A LONER
SAY, THE TELEVISIONS IN THAT WINDOW GIVE ME AN IDEA.
YOU GOT A COLOR SET, SADIE?
YOU KIDDIN'? I CAN'T EVEN AFFORD A PHOTO ALBUM!
SALE
SALE
WELL, I'M THE GUY CAN FIX THAT.
KHR-EEE-SH
HERE Y'ARE. ONE DELUXE MODEL COLOR TEEVEE -- ON ME.
ONLY A NINETEEN-INCH SCREEN, I NOTICE.
G-GOLLY... THANKS.

HE'S MAKIN' ME LOOK LIKE A PIKER!
I'M SCARED, FREDDY. THE RADIO SAID THE WORST STORM IN YEARS IS COMING --
NOW, NOW, DORIS. YOUR NICE NEW MINK WILL KEEP YOU WARM AS TOAST.
YEAH... NICE NEW COAT...


GIMME, THAT, LADY. YOU LOOK LIKE A LITTLE BAD WEATHER'D DO YOU GOOD.
YOU AGREE, MISTER?
S-SURE.
FRE-DDD-IIEEE!

HERE Y'ARE, SADIE. SOMETHIN' TO KEEP THE RAIN OFFA YER DELICATE SKIN.
I ALWAYS WANTED A MINK.


MINKS ARE OKAY, IF YOU DON'T MIND WEARING DEAD WEASELS.
CHEEZE... YOU DUDES MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A QUEEN.
THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE--

--A HUNNERT PERCENT QUEEN.
TWO HUNDRED PER CENT.
THUS, LOVE AND RIVALRY BLOSSOM ON THE STREETS OF MANHATTAN--AND THE STAGE IS SET FOR THE UNLIKELIEST OF EVENTS...
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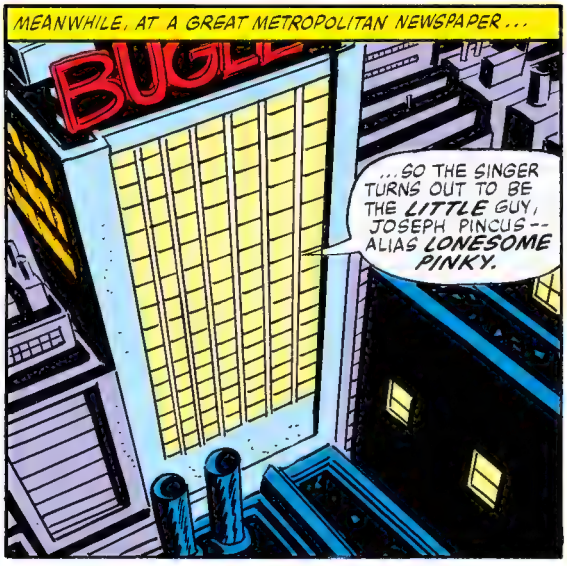

MEANWHILE, AT A GREAT METROPOLITAN NEWSPAPER...
BUGLE
...SO THE SINGER TURNS OUT TO BE THE LITTLE GUY, JOSEPH PINCUS -- ALIAS LONESOME PINKY.

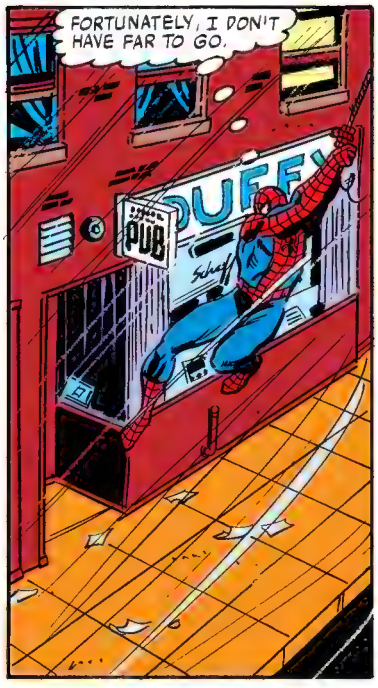
THAT'S NEW YORK FOR YOU, PARKER -- ALWAYS SOMETHING LIKE THIS STORY I'M WORKING ON --
-- WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT HYDROMAN AND SANDMAN WERE DUKING IT OUT LAST NIGHT?
OUT
IN

YEAH? WHERE?
BAR ON THE WEST SIDE CALLED DUFFY'S.
HEY, YOU LOOK UPSET.
ANY OTHER INFORMATION?

JUST THAT A WOMAN WAS INVOLVED... SOME LOCAL FLOOZY --
THANKS. CATCH YOU LATER.

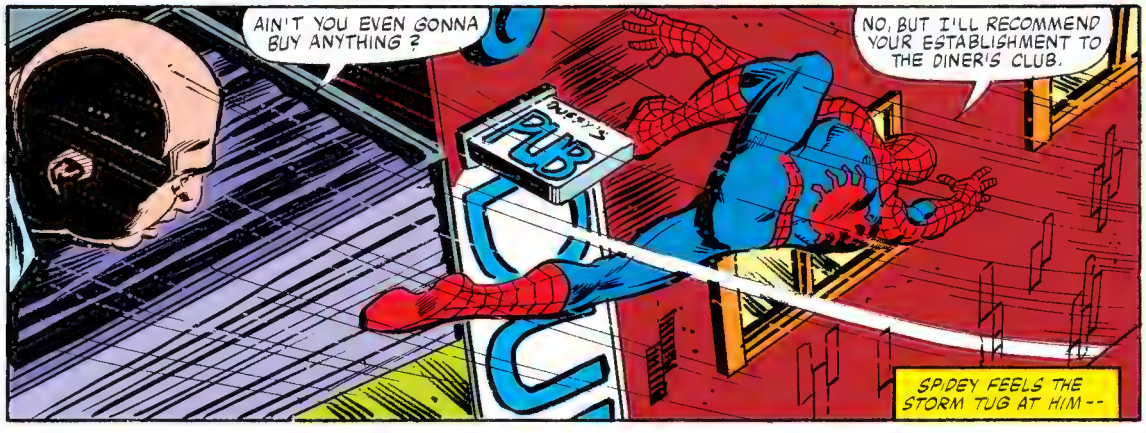
HYDROMAN AND SANDY... TWO OF THE HEAVIES WHO'D MOST LIKE TO SEE ME SQUASHED.
I'D BET THE RENT THEY'LL BE LOOKING FOR ME --

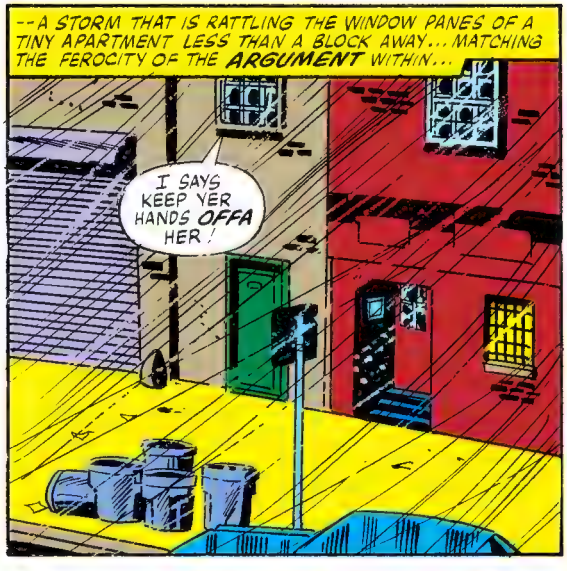
-- AND WAITING ALWAYS DID MAKE ME NERVOUS. SO I'LL FIND THEM FIRST.
WIND'S FIERCE... HARD TO WEB-SWING PROPERLY --

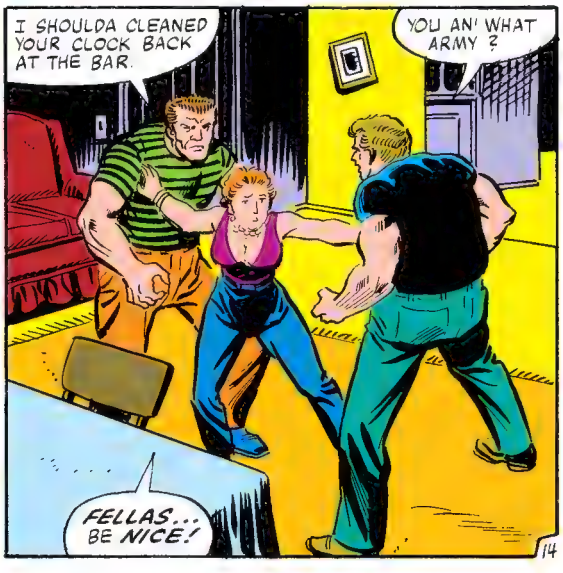

FORTUNATELY, I DON'T HAVE FAR TO GO.
PUB

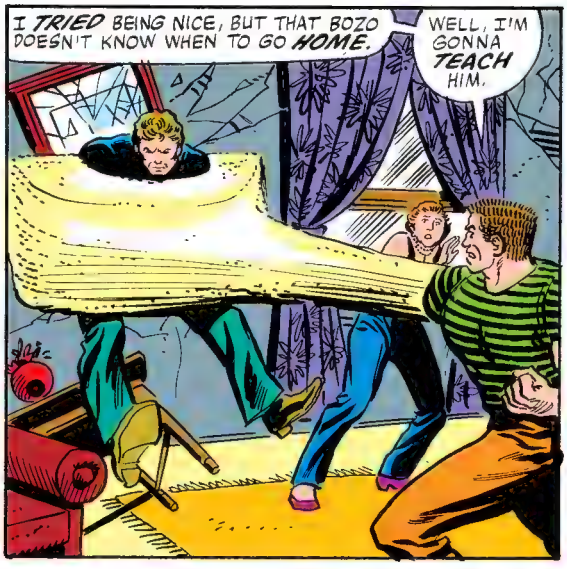
I'LL BET YOU DON'T GET MANY SPIDER-MEN IN HERE.
CHUM, YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I GET IN HERE.
YOU COME ABOUT THE FIGHT? WELL, ALL I CAN TELL YOU IS--

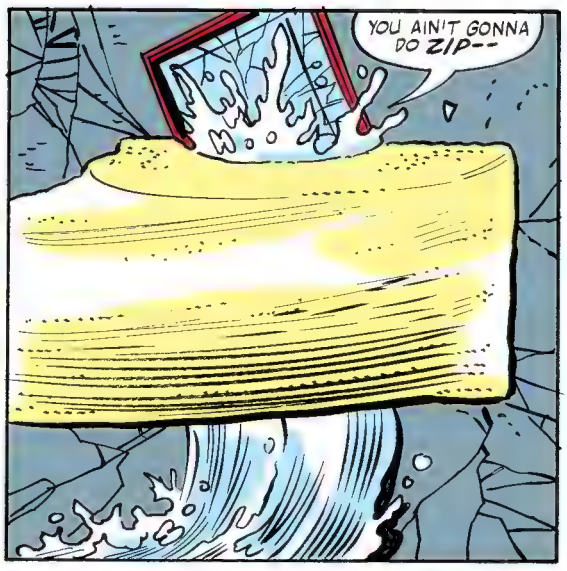
--THE TWO WEIRDOS LEFT WITH SADIE FRICKETT. SHE LIVES ABOVE THE GARAGE ON THE CORNER.
GOT YOU.

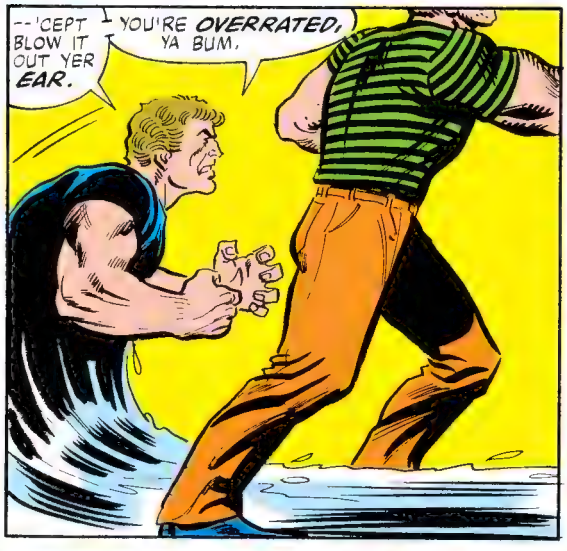

AIN'T YOU EVEN GONNA BUY ANYTHING?
NO, BUT I'LL RECOMMEND YOUR ESTABLISHMENT TO THE DINER'S CLUB.
PUB
SPIDEY FEELS THE STORM TUG AT HIM--


--A STORM THAT IS RATTLING THE WINDOW PANES OF A TINY APARTMENT LESS THAN A BLOCK AWAY... MATCHING THE FEROCITY OF THE ARGUMENT WITHIN...
I SAYS KEEP YER HANDS OFFA HER!

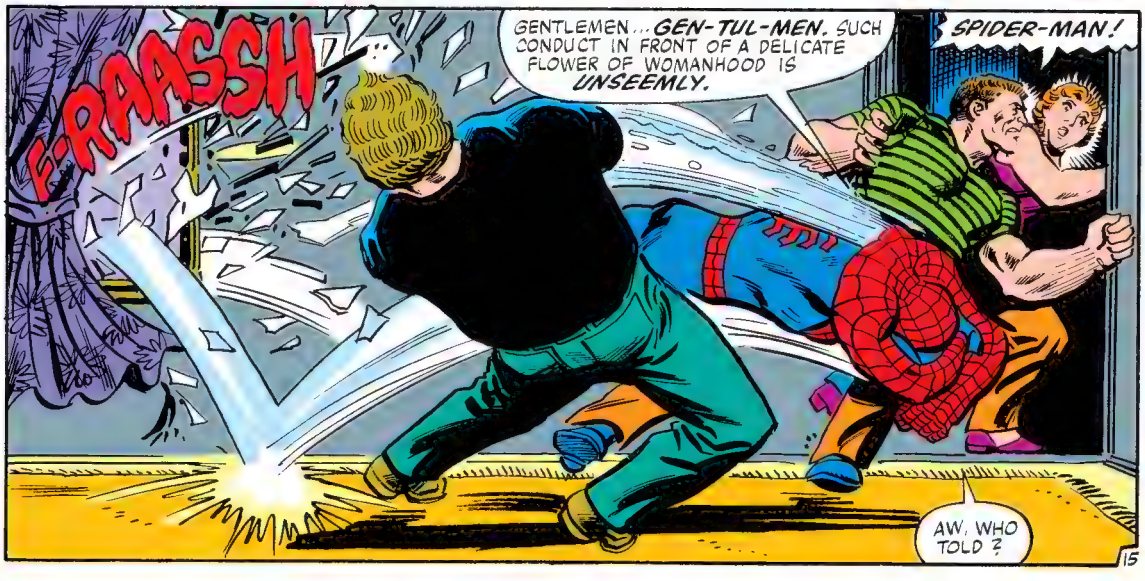

I SHOULDA CLEANED YOUR CLOCK BACK AT THE BAR.
YOU AN' WHAT ARMY?
FELLAS... BE NICE!

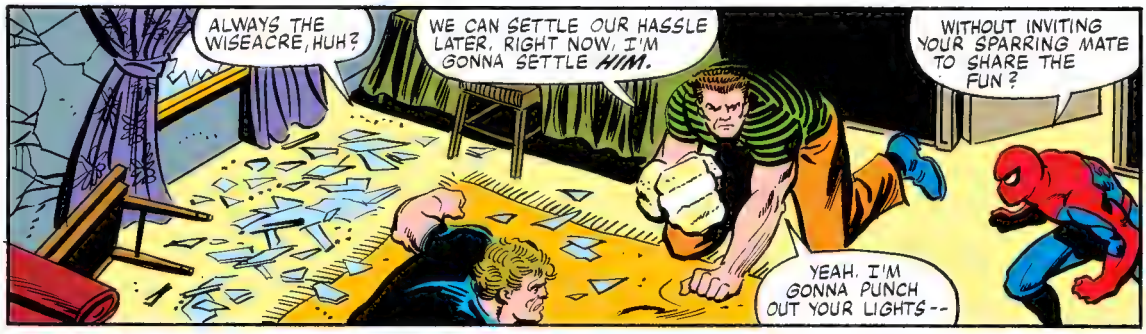

I TRIED BEING NICE, BUT THAT BOZO DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO GO HOME.
WELL, I'M GONNA TEACH HIM.


YOU AIN'T GONNA DO ZIP--

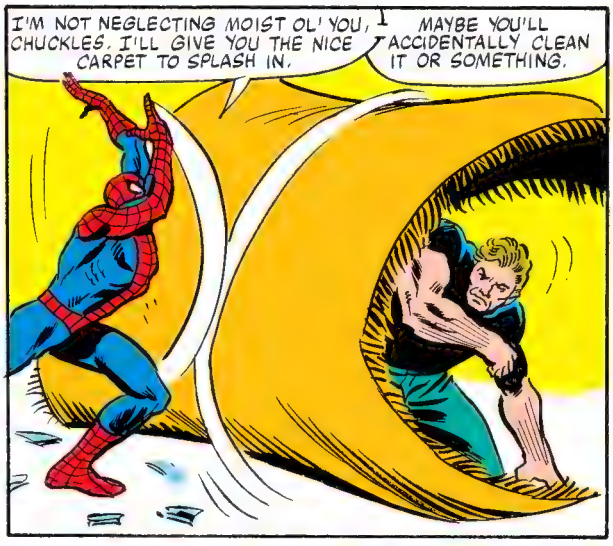

--'CEPT BLOW IT OUT YER EAR.
YOU'RE OVERRATED, YA BUM.

IF YOU'RE SO TOUGH, LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN BREATHE WATER.
BY THE TIME I'M DONE, YOU'LL BE A SOGGY LUMP OF--

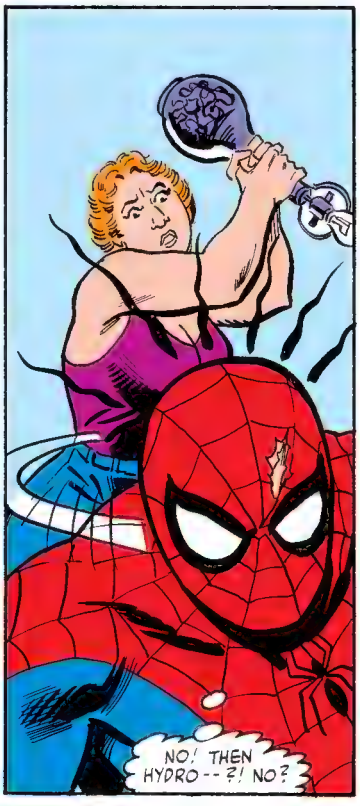

RAASSH
GENTLEMEN... GEN-TUL-MEN. SUCH CONDUCT IN FRONT OF A DELICATE FLOWER OF WOMANHOOD IS UNSEEMLY.
SPIDER-MAN!
AW, WHO TOLD ?


ALWAYS THE WISEACRE, HUH?
WE CAN SETTLE OUR HASSLE LATER. RIGHT NOW, I'M GONNA SETTLE HIM.
WITHOUT INVITING YOUR SPARRING MATE TO SHARE THE FUN?
YEAH. I'M GONNA PUNCH OUT YOUR LIGHTS--

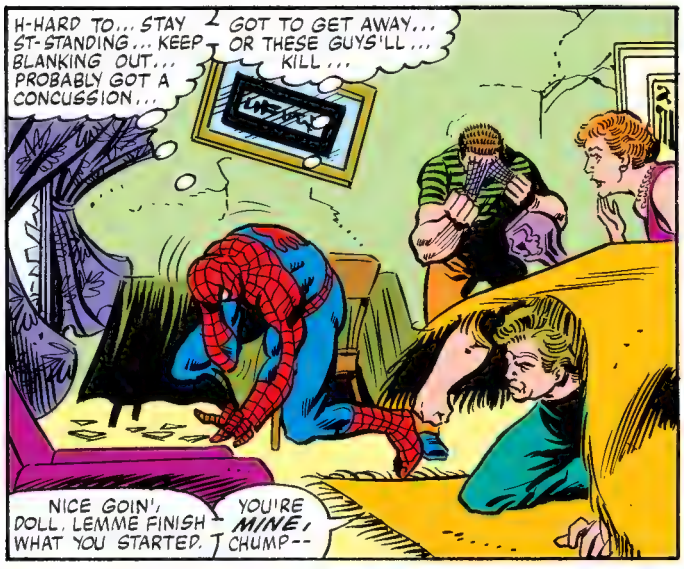
NOT IF YOU CAN'T SEE, YOU WON'T


I'M NOT NEGLECTING MOIST OL' YOU, CHUCKLES. I'LL GIVE YOU THE NICE CARPET TO SPLASH IN.
MAYBE YOU'LL ACCIDENTALLY CLEAN IT OR SOMETHING.

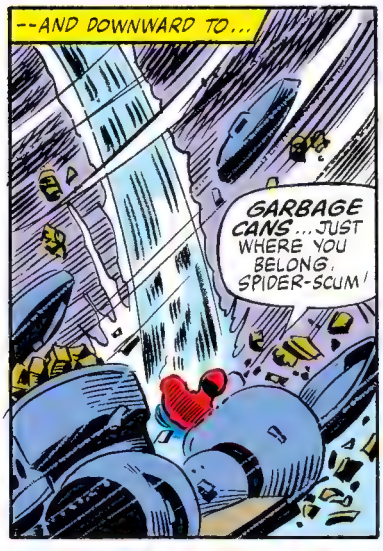
MY SPIDER-SENSE IS BUZZING LIKE A POWER SAW. ONE OF THESE BADDIES MUST BE ABOUT TO ATTACK AGAIN--
--BUT WHICH ONE?
SANDY--?


NO! THEN HYDRO--?! NO?

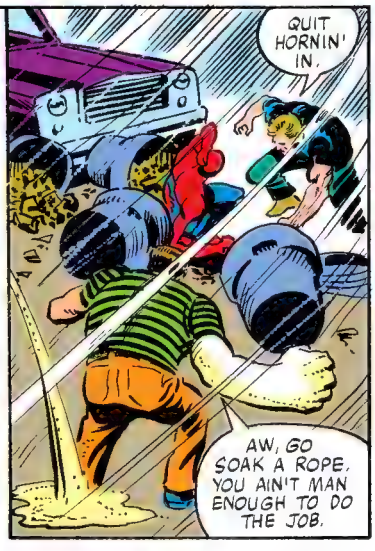
TWASH
UNNGH


H-HARD TO... STAY ST-STANDING... KEEP BLANKING OUT... PROBABLY GOT A CONCUSSION...
GOT TO GET AWAY... OR THESE GUYS'LL... KILL...
NICE GOIN', DOLL. LEMME FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED.
YOU'RE MINE, CHUMP--

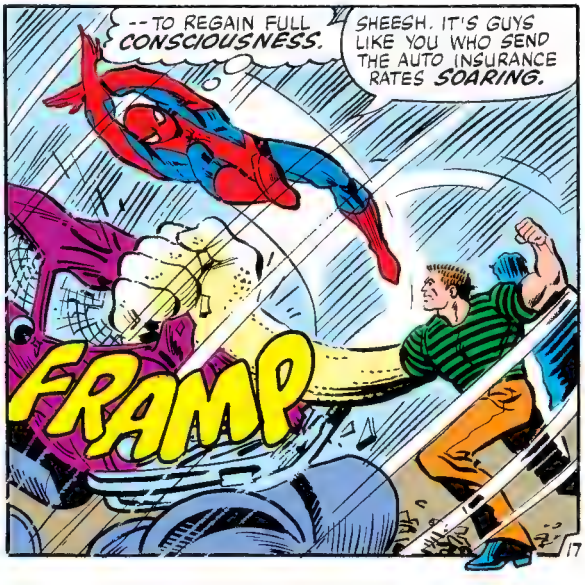
--ALL MINE!
STUNNED, UNABLE TO REACT, SPIDER-MAN IS SWEPT OUT INTO A RAIN THAT HAS BECOME FIERCE--


--AND DOWNWARD TO...
GARBAGE CANS... JUST WHERE YOU BELONG, SPIDER-SCUM!

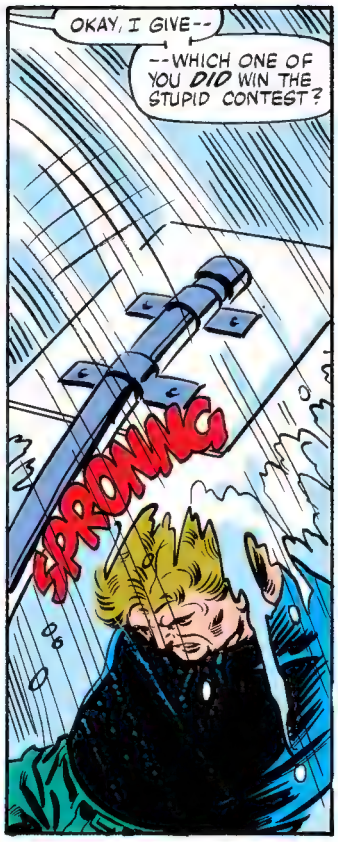
I AIN'T LETTIN' WET-BRAIN HAVE ALL THE FUN... 'SPECIALLY NOT WHEN SADIE'S WATCHING.


QUIT HORNIN' IN.
AW, GO SOAK A ROPE. YOU AIN'T MAN ENOUGH TO DO THE JOB.

THEIR ARGUING GAVE ME THE FEW SECONDS I NEEDED--

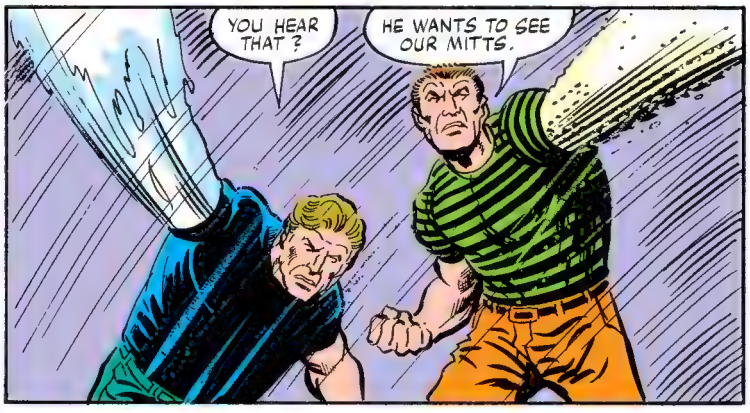

--TO REGAIN FULL CONSCIOUSNESS.
SHEESH. IT'S GUYS LIKE YOU WHO SEND THE AUTO INSURANCE RATES SOARING.
FRAMP

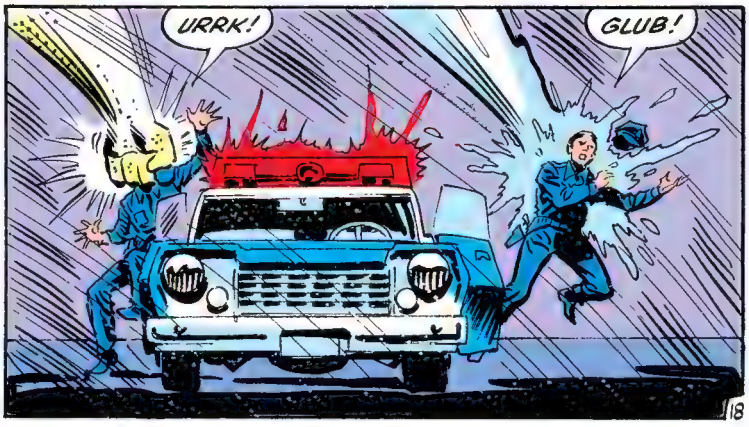
I'M NO MATCH FOR THEIR COMBINED BRAWN... PARTICULARLY NOT WITH A HEAD STILL RINGING!
I'LL HAVE TO TRY MY PATENTED INSULT ROUTINE.

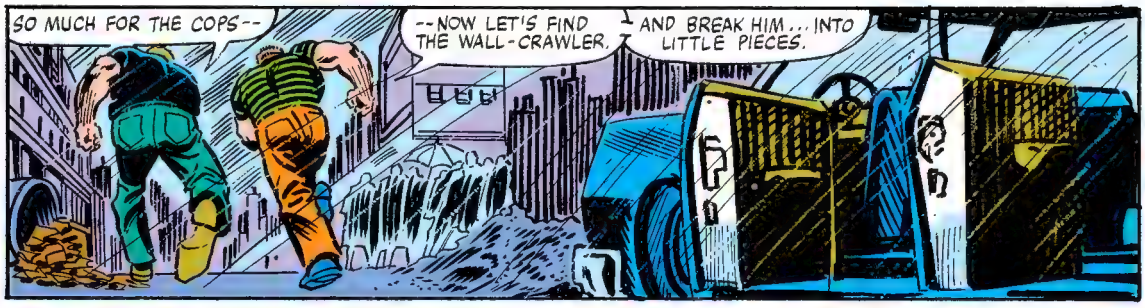

OKAY, I GIVE--
--WHICH ONE OF YOU DID WIN THE STUPID CONTEST?
SPRONING

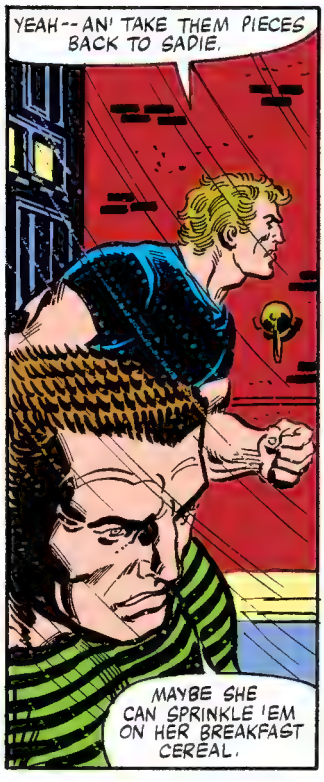
THAT SLOWED 'EM... BUT IT DIDN'T STOP 'EM.
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK NOTHING WILL STOP 'EM. I SHOULD'VE LET THEM BEAT EACH OTHER TO JELLY.
YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR, WET-BRAIN?
YEAH-- SIRENS.

FREEZE.
KEEP THOSE HANDS IN SIGHT!


YOU HEAR THAT?
HE WANTS TO SEE OUR MITTS.

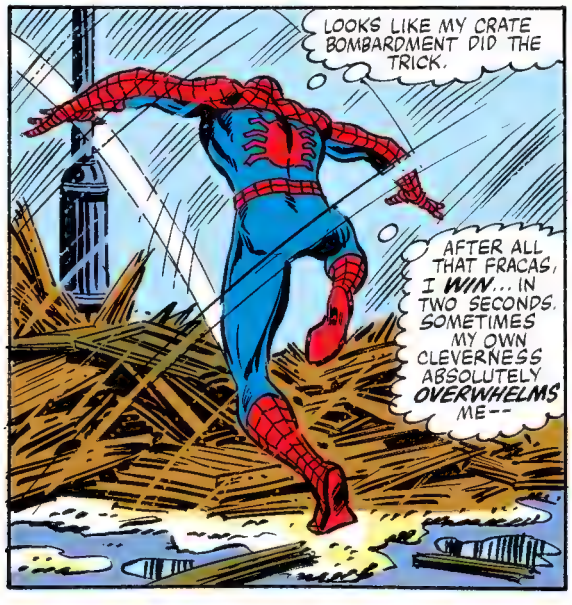

URRK!
GLUB!

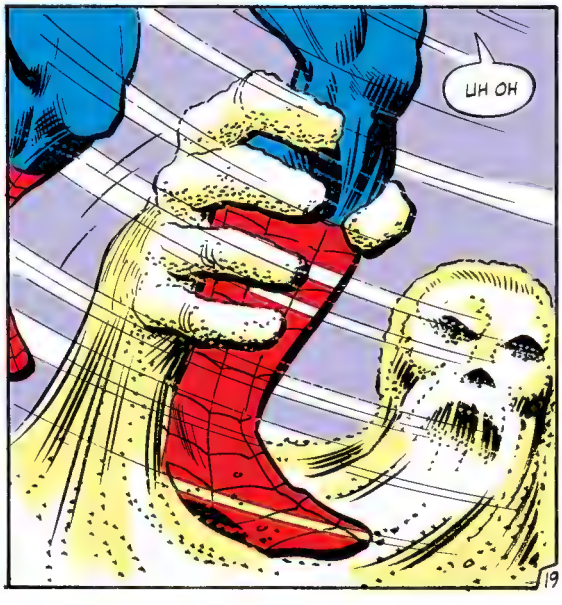

SO MUCH FOR THE COPS--
--NOW LET'S FIND THE WALL-CRAWLER.
AND BREAK HIM... INTO LITTLE PIECES.

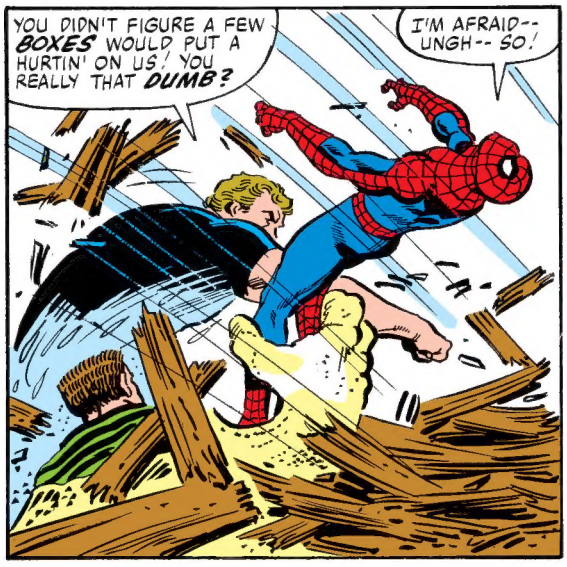

YEAH--AN' TAKE THEM PIECES BACK TO SADIE.
MAYBE SHE CAN SPRINKLE 'EM ON HER BREAKFAST CEREAL.

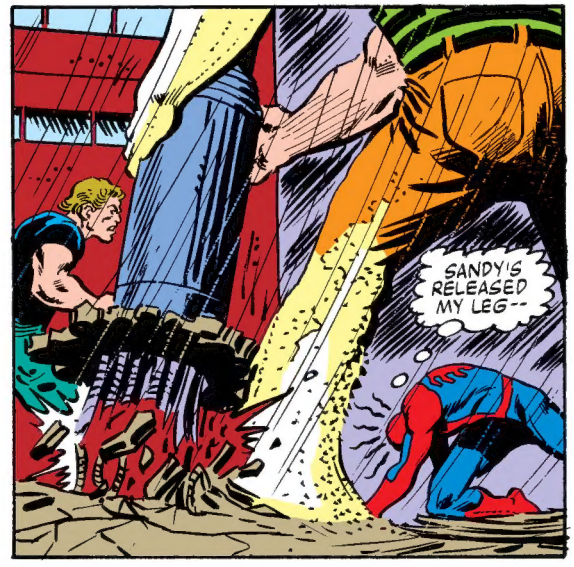
MY OLD SCOUT LEADER WOULD YELL AT ME FOR ATTACKING FROM AMBUSH--
--BUT MY OLD SCOUT LEADER NEVER HAD TO TANGLE WITH THIS PAIR.

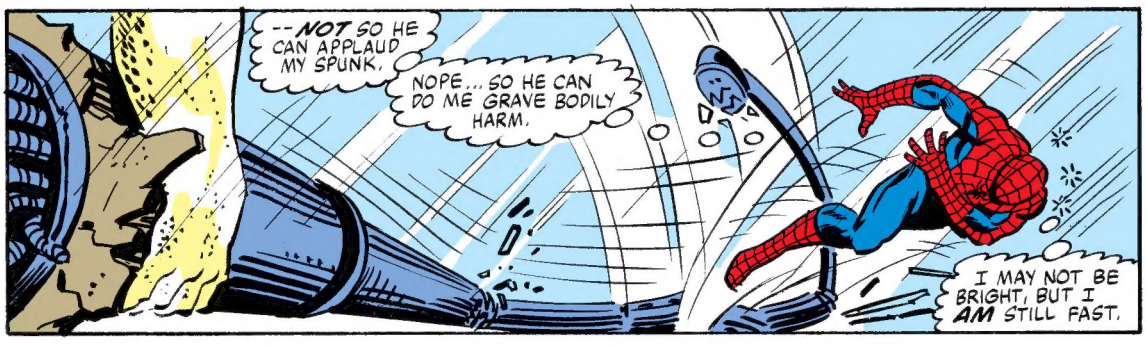
KRAZH

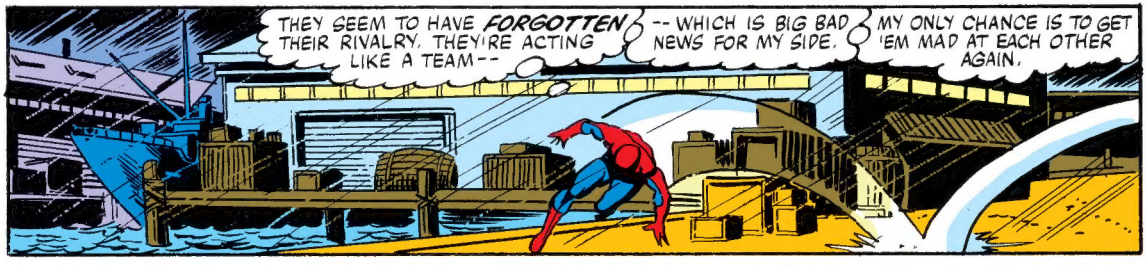

LOOKS LIKE MY CRATE BOMBARDMENT DID THE TRICK.
AFTER ALL THAT FRACAS, I WIN... IN TWO SECONDS. SOMETIMES MY OWN CLEVERNESS ABSOLUTELY OVERWHELMS ME--

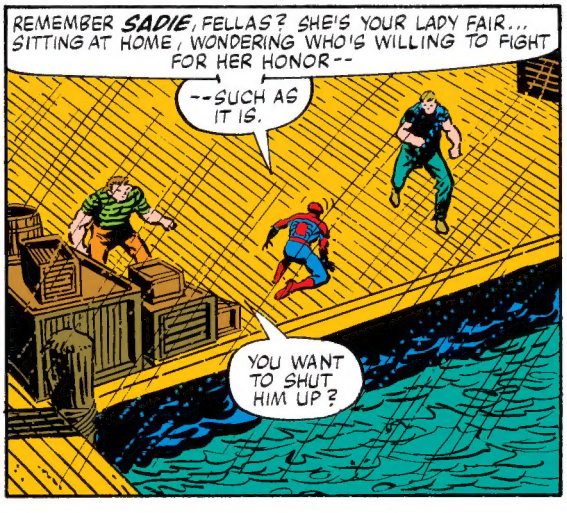

UH OH

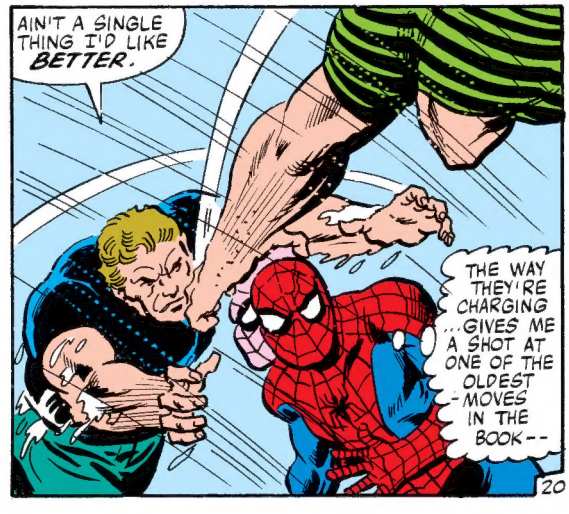

YOU DIDN'T FIGURE A FEW BOXES WOULD PUT A HURTIN' ON US! YOU REALLY THAT DUMB?
I'M AFRAID-- UNGH-- SO!

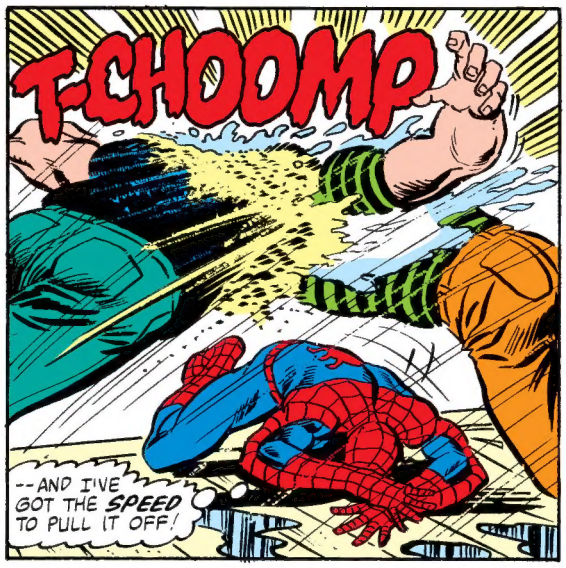

SANDY'S RELEASED MY LEG--


--NOT SO HE CAN APPLAUD MY SPUNK.
NOPE... SO HE CAN DO ME GRAVE BODILY HARM.
I MAY NOT BE BRIGHT, BUT I AM STILL FAST.


THEY SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THEIR RIVALRY. THEY'RE ACTING LIKE A TEAM--
--WHICH IS BIG BAD NEWS FOR MY SIDE.
MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO GET 'EM MAD AT EACH OTHER AGAIN.


REMEMBER SADIE, FELLAS? SHE'S YOUR LADY FAIR... SITTING AT HOME, WONDERING WHO'S WILLING TO FIGHT FOR HER HONOR--
--SUCH AS IT IS.
YOU WANT TO SHUT HIM UP?


AIN'T A SINGLE THING I'D LIKE BETTER.
THE WAY THEY'RE CHARGING ...GIVES ME A SHOT AT ONE OF THE OLDEST MOVES IN THE BOOK--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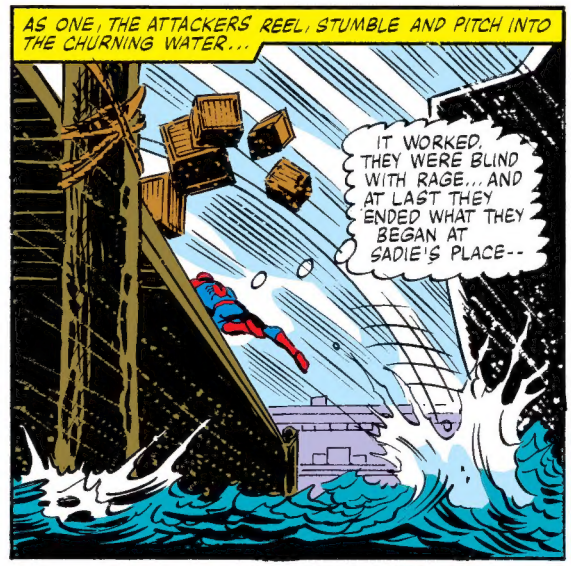
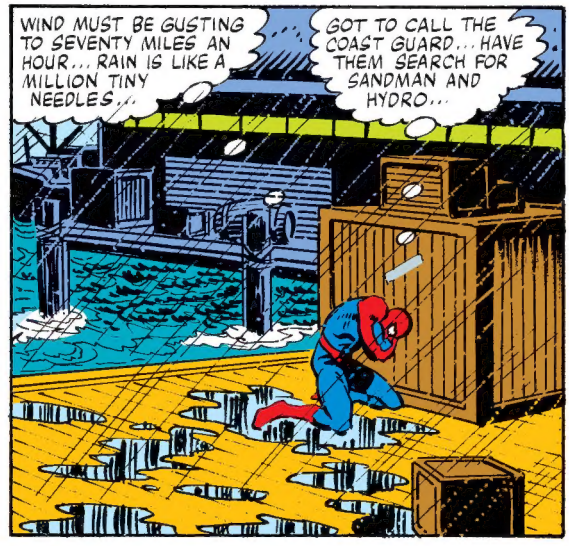
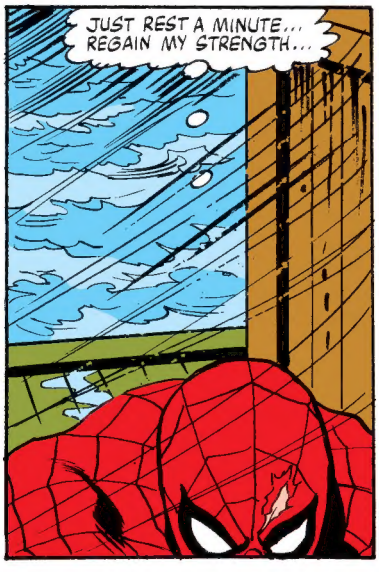
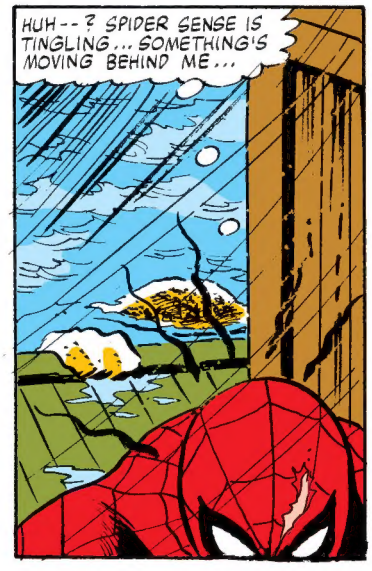
--AND I'VE GOT THE SPEED TO PULL IT OFF!

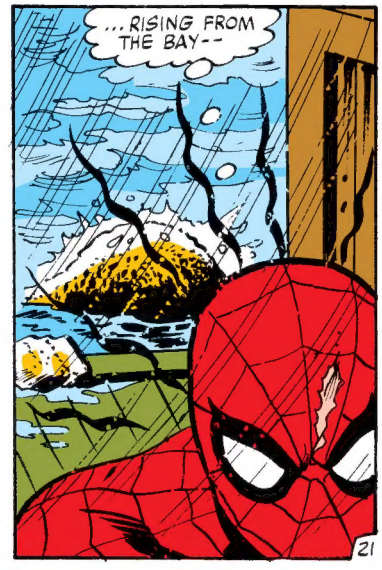

AS ONE, THE ATTACKERS REEL, STUMBLE AND PITCH INTO THE CHURNING WATER...
IT WORKED. THEY WERE BLIND WITH RAGE... AND AT LAST THEY ENDED WHAT THEY BEGAN AT SADIE'S PLACE--

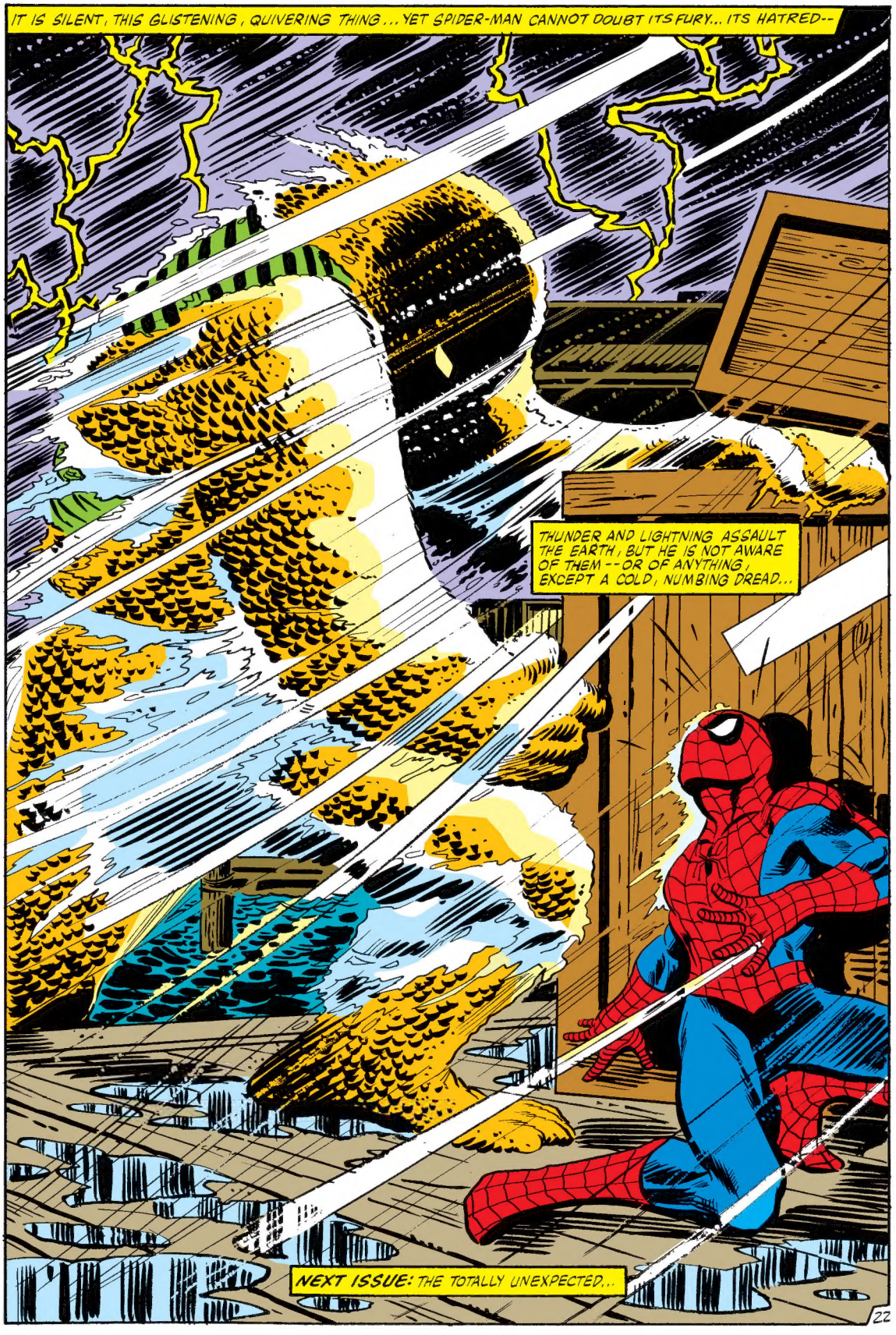
--THOUGH NOT INTENTIONALLY.
I'M TOO BEAT TO DIVE IN AFTER THEM... NOT THAT I COULD FIND THEM IN THIS STORM ANYWAY.


WIND MUST BE GUSTING TO SEVENTY MILES AN HOUR... RAIN IS LIKE A MILLION TINY NEEDLES...
GOT TO CALL THE COAST GUARD... HAVE THEM SEARCH FOR SANDMAN AND HYDRO...


JUST REST A MINUTE... REGAIN MY STRENGTH...


HUH--? SPIDER SENSE IS TINGLING... SOMETHING'S MOVING BEHIND ME...


...RISING FROM THE BAY--


IT IS SILENT, THIS GLISTENING, QUIVERING THING... YET SPIDER-MAN CANNOT DOUBT ITS FURY... ITS HATRED--
THUNDER AND LIGHTNING ASSAULT THE EARTH, BUT HE IS NOT AWARE OF THEM--OR OF ANYTHING, EXCEPT A COLD, NUMBING DREAD...
NEXT ISSUE: THE TOTALLY UNEXPECTED...

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